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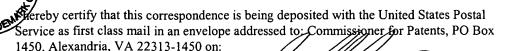
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2006, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

A listing of claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.